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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: MACK TRUCK VS. CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

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1. EMBASSY MADE INFORMAL INQUIRY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY (CASANUEVA) AS TO BASIS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MACK TRUCKS, DELIVERING RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED EARLY REPLY.

2. SINCE THEN EMBASSY HAS COME INTO POSSESSION OF SPECIFIC TERMS OF GOC CONFIDENTIAL GUIDANCE ON IMPORTATION, ISSUED JOINTLY BY MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT AND FINANCE. GUIDANCE (BEING POUCHED) SPECIFICALLY DENIES IMPORT LICENSES FOR NON-SPANISH TRUCKS. GUIDANCE CITES PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET.

3. WE BELIEVE AND HAVE STRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT BLATANT DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF PEGASO VIOLATES CHILEAN INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND IS INCONSISTENT WITH CHILE'S OWN TRADE POLICY. WE SUSPECT THAT THIS MATTER IS SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CONFLICT WITHIN GOC. IN FACT, SOME OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY URGED US TO RAISE ISSUE AS VIGOROUSLY AS POSSIBLE. WE, THEREFORE, BELIEVE THAT PROSPECTS FOR REVISING POLICY FAVORING SPANISH FIRM ARE GOOD, AND WILL CONTINUE TO
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